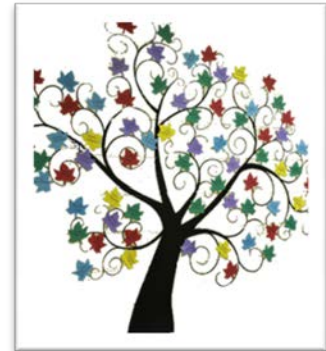




We've Got Character!

At R D Anderson, a person's character matters! Many employers have bemoaned the lack of soft skills often found in employees, so R D Anderson has stepped up to address the challenge.

Students are taught that Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Caring, and Citizenship are important and will help shape a successful future. These desirable traits are highlighted on the daily announcements.



Students who display one of these positive character traits are nominated by their

Respect

Trustworthiness

Responsibility

Caring

Citizenship

teachers and are recognized in several ways. The school has created a Good Character Tree where a leaf with a student's name can be placed on the tree. A postcard commending the student's positive action is mailed home. Also, students receive a multi-colored silicon wristband with the slogan "Got Character" and the school initials RDA. Near the end of the semester, students who

have been nominated will be invited to a celebration of their positive behaviors. In January and February of this year, 78 students received a total of 112 nominations, some of them for displaying more than one positive character trait.

RDA hopes that, by catching students "being good" and reinforcing these character traits, they can create a culture that promotes awareness of and higher expectations for ethical student character.



